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Applicant: Gitis et al.
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ACCUMULATION
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Amend the following claims:

- 1 5. (Twice Amended) A slider for supporting a magnetic transducer above the
- 2 surface of a rotating disk medium, said slider comprising:
- 3 a body;
- 4 a plurality of rail members extending outward from said body in a direction
- 5 towards said medium, each of said rail members having a leading and a trailing edge with
- 6 said leading edge facing in the general direction of relative motion between said
- 7 transducer and said medium, and wherein said leading edge has a narrower width as
- 8 compared to said trailing edge, extends to said body, is spaced from outer side surfaces of
- 9 said body, and is not part of a flat surface;